## Commission of Motor Vehicles for Hire Wednesday, December 18, 2013 Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island 9:00 a.m.

**Present**: Brad Marthens, Connie La Rue, Geoffrey Lawrence and Vin McAloon Also present were Stephanie Turaj from the Block Island Times, Town Clerk Molly Fitzpatrick, and Pat Tengwall.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Brad Marthens

It was agreed to rearrange the agenda.

## Discussion on revised ordinance language

The Town Clerk was present to explain to the Commission the proposed ordinance change on the death of a licensee. This was a question raised at the previous Council meeting. At that Council meeting the Rules and Regulations as promulgated by the Commission of Motor Vehicles for Hire was returned the Commission to get input from owners and drivers who were are the meeting in force. There was a discussion about how to use social media to improve communications between owners & drivers and the Commission. Clerk will gather e-mail addresses.

After discussion and input from the Commission, the Town Clerk will take their suggestion back to the Council for a 24 hour after death of a licensee with no spouse to take the taxi off the road.

Rules and regulations will be revisited at a well publicized meeting in January or February.

Approval of minutes from November 20, 2013 – Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Connie La Rue and seconded by Brad Marthens.

Ayes 4 (McAloon, Marthens, La Rue, Lawrence) Nays 0

## **Recommendation for Council for new Commission member**

A motion was made by Brad Marthens and seconded by Connie La Rue to recommend chauffeur licensee Patrick Evans as the new member of the Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire. Ayes 4 (McAloon, Marthens, La Rue, Lawrence) Nays 0

The annual meeting schedule approved at last month's meeting is attached.

At 9:55 a motion was made by Brad Marthens and seconded by Connie La Rue to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Next meeting: January 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved 1/15/2014

Bonny Ryan